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SUBJECT: WEU ASSEMBLY DEFENSE COMMITTEE VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES
REF: PARIS 5967

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR
WEU ASSEMBLY DEFENSE COMMITTEE VISIT TO US AND REQUESTS
CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR VISIT:

MONDAY, 28 MARCH

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AM STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS: EAST-WEST RELATIONS;
SALT, MBFR

1215 DOD HOSTED LUNCH (BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON,
D.C.)

1345 DOD BRIEFINGS: GENERAL US-EUROPEAN DEFENSE MATTERS;

NATO RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION; US DEFENSE PROGRAMS
AND EAST/WEST FORCE BALANCE (TO BE DETERMINED).

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH

VISIT AND DISCUSSIONS - BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

VISIT AND DISCUSSIONS - GEORGETOWN CENTER FOR STRATEGIC
AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH

AM MEETING WITH SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

PM DEPART BY AIR FOR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH

0910 DEPART LOS ANGELES VIA AIR WEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
NO. 519 TO SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA (NEAR VANDENBERG
AIR FORCE BASE)

1005 ARRIVE SANTA MARIA - PROCEED TO VANDENBERG AIR
FORCE BASE FOR TOUR AND BRIEFINGS. HOSTED LUNCH.
BRIEFINGS/TOHR CONTINUED.

1600 DEPART VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE VIA CHARTER BUS
(COMMERCIAL AIR NOT AVAILABLE)

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1930 ARRIVE LOS ANGELES. REMAINDER OF EVENING AT LEISURE.

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL

0830 DEPART LOS ANGELES VIA CHARTER BUS (COMMERCIAL AIR
NOT AVAILABLE)

1100 ARRIVE EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. B-1 AND SPACE
SHUTTLE BRIEFINGS AND TOUR. HOSTED LUNCH. BRIEFINGS/
TOUR CONTINUED.

1630 DEPART EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE VIA CHARTER BUS

1900 ARRIVE LOS ANGELES. REMAINDER OF EVENING AT LEISURE.
END OF OFFICIAL VISIT.

SATURDAY, 2 APRIL - DEPARTURES ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL
PERSONAL SCHEDULES AND ARRANGEMENTS.

3. REQUEST THE ITINERARY BE PASSED TO THE WEU STAFF AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. ALSO REQUEST THAT ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BE OBTAINED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE:

A) DO ANY WIVES PLAN TO ACCOMPANY?

B) TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS' ARRIVAL FLIGHT NUMBERS FOR WASHINGTON SINCE SOME NATIONAL EMBASSIES INDICATE THEY MAY MEET THEIR PARLIAMENTARIANS.

C) ALL MEMBERS OF THE VISITING CONTINGENT SHOULD MAKE RESERVATIONS TO DEPART WASHINGTON FOR LOS ANGELES DURING AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 1977, AND ON AIR WEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 519, DEPARTING LOS ANGELES FOR SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AT 0910 CALIFORNIA TIME ON THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 1977.
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D) THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THE GROUP AT AN APPROPRIATE ;OTEL IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, FOR THE NIGHTS OF 30 AND 31 MARCH AND 1 APRIL. TO DO THIS, WE REQUIRE INFORMATION AS TO THE NUMBER OF ROOMS REQUIRED. SHOULD ALL RESERVATIONS BE FOR SINGLE ACCOMMODATION, OR DO SOME MEMBERS WISH TO SHARE A DOUBLE ROOM? DO ANY MEMBERS DESIRE THEIR RESERVATIONS TO INCLUDE THE NIGHT OF 2 APRIL 1977?

E) THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSEMBLY GROUP FOR CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED IN VISITING VANDENBERG AND EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASES.

F) WE ARE CONSIDERING PROVIDING DAILY BUS TRANSPORTATION IN WASHINGTON AT USG EXPENSE FOR THE GROUP FROM HOTEL TO MEETING LOCATIONS AND RETURN, IF DESIRED. REQUEST INDICATION WHETHER GROUP DESIRES THIS SERVICE. IF AFFIRMATIVE, REQUEST NAME OF HOTEL WHERE GROUP WILL BE STAYING IN WASHINGTON. IF POSSIBLE, PARLIAMENTARIANS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO USE SAME HOTEL AS SUGGESTED IN CRITCHLEY'S FEBRUARY 17 MEMO, WHICH WAS POUCHED TO US, SINCE THIS WILL SIMPLIFY COORDINATION OF BUS PICK-UP.

G) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, REQUEST A LIST IN PROTOCOL ORDER OF THOSE PLANNING TO MAKE THE TRIP.

H) RESPONSE TO REFTEL CONCERNING QUESTION OF INTERPRETERS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

I) ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON SCHEDULE AND ITINERARY W;LL

BE PROVIDED AS AVAILABLE.

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